

# Bluetooth TM in Depth

#### **Session 807**

















# Bluetooth In Depth

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#### Agenda

- Brief description of Bluetooth technology
- Overview of Apple's Bluetooth implementation
- Apple's Bluetooth framework and its objects
- Bluetooth kernel objects



#### What You'll Learn

- Bluetooth Basics
  - How Bluetooth Works
  - Basic Bluetooth Terminology
- Apple's Bluetooth Implementation
  - Find devices
  - Query services
  - Open L2CAP, RFCOMM, and OBEX connections
  - Extend Apple's kernel implementation to support third-party hardware



- Bluetooth is a low-bandwidth, short-range wireless protocol
- Bluetooth data transfer happens over a series of layered protocols
  - Baseband
  - L2CAP
  - RFCOMM
  - OBEX
- Devices identified by unique 6 byte addresses like Ethernet



#### **Bluetooth Connectivity Modes**

- Discoverable
  - Inquiries are used to find other devices within range
  - When discoverable a Bluetooth device will answer to inquiries from other devices
- Connectable
  - Connection requests are used to establish a connection to a remote device
  - When connectable, a remote device will respond to connection requests from other devices
- Connectable and Discoverable are independent states

#### **Bluetooth Security Concepts**

- Pairing relationship
  - A paired device relationship is created by validating a mutually shared secret (passkey)
  - Passkeys are never transmitted over the air
  - Passkeys are used to generate a link key
  - Link Keys validate future connections without user intervention
  - Link Keys are 128-bit values
  - Link Keys can be stored on the computer and/or in the hardware



#### **Bluetooth Security Concepts**

- Encryption
  - A Bluetooth connection can require encryption
  - Encryption is done in the hardware
  - Encryption uses the link key as the seed to the encryption engine
  - 128 bit



## Bluetooth Positioning

USB FireWire



Bluetooth

**Peripheral** 

**Network** 

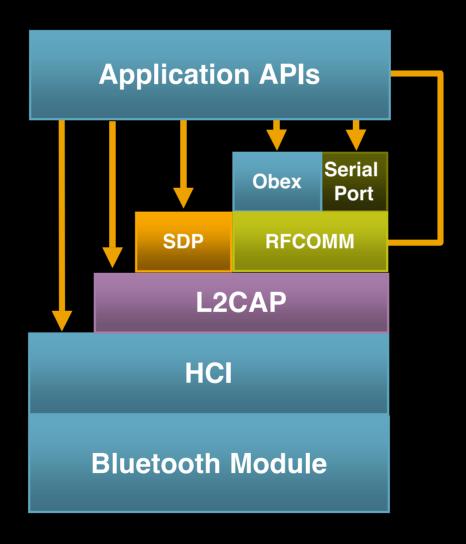


#### Bluetooth Supported Profiles

- Dial-up Networking (Cell phone client)
  - Internet connect
  - IrDA replacement
- Serial Port
  - Palm OS PDA synchronization
- Object push (OBEX)
  - Enables send and receive of small files
  - vCard push and receive

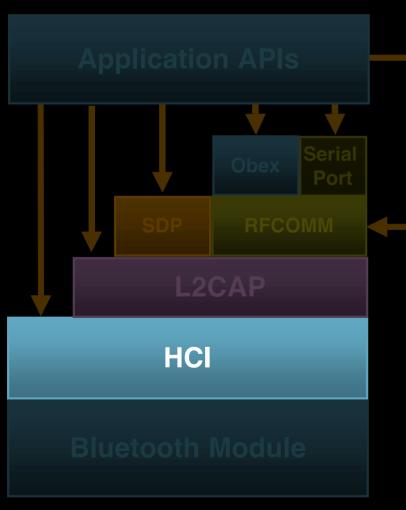


#### Bluetooth Stack





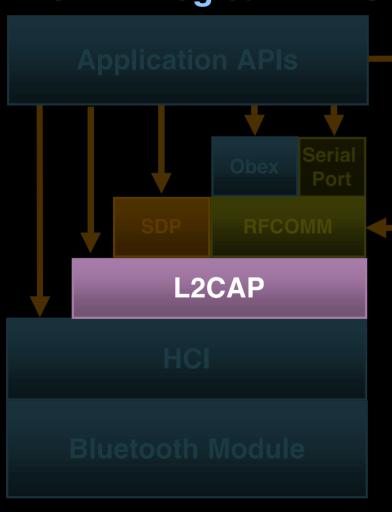
#### **HCI**—Host Controller Interface



 Abstraction layer to transfer commands, events and data packets to and from the radio module



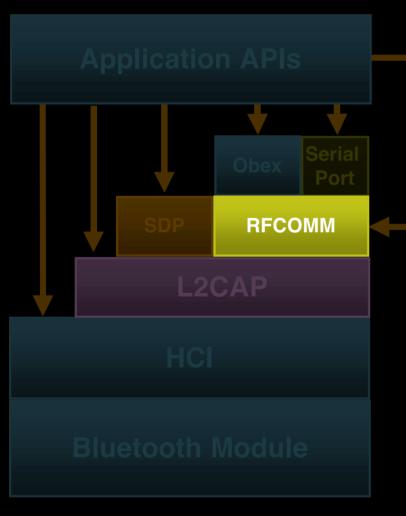
#### L2CAP—Logical Link Control Adaptation Protocol



- Simple multiplexed data channel
- Segmentation and re-assembly of data packets



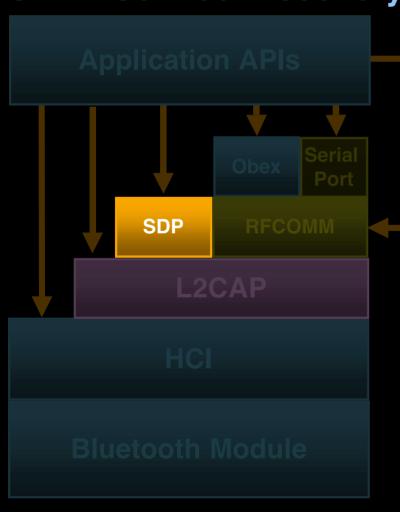
#### **RFCOMM**



- Serial port emulation layer
- Multiplexed data channel
- Based on ETSI standard 07.10
- Uses a single L2CAP channel as its transport



#### **SDP**—Service Discovery Protocol



- Protocol for querying a remote device for its supported services and their attributes
- Uses L2CAP channel as transport



#### **OBEX**



- HTTP-like protocol for transferring files or objects
- Based on IrOBEXv1.2 specification
- Uses a RFCOMM Channel as its transport



#### Apple's Bluetooth SDK

- Bluetooth SDK available online
- Bluetooth PR2 and SDKs posted this afternoon
- Separate Mac OS 10.1.4 and Jaguar Developer release versions
  - Use the correct one
- SDK is a superset of Bluetooth PR2
  - No need to install both



## Apple's Bluetooth APIs

- Kernel APIs
  - HCI Controller
  - USB HCI Controller
- User APIs
  - IOBluetoothDevice
  - IOBluetoothL2CAPChannel
  - IOBluetoothRFCOMMChannel
  - OBEXSession
  - Service Discovery Objects



#### Bluetooth Kernel Objects

- IOBluetoothHCIController
  - Base class for the HCI Controller implementation
  - Subclass this to add support for a Bluetooth radio over a different transport (serial, PCI)
- AppleBluetoothUSBHCIController
  - USB class driver for Bluetooth
  - Can be subclassed to add vendor-specific functionality
- Apple has done USB, other transports are open



## Bluetooth User Space Objects

- Object oriented
- C and Objective-C APIs for Bluetooth stack
- Common UI elements to search for devices, and select a service on a device
- Obj-C objects and C objects have similar names
  - Obj-C: IOBluetoothDevice
  - C: IOBluetoothDeviceRef



#### IOBluetoothDevice

- Object representing a remote device
  - Baseband Connections
  - L2CAP Channel Connections
  - RFCOMM Channel Connections
  - OBEX Session Connections
  - Service Searches
- Can be returned from UI objects
- Can be created from code from a device address
- Can exist without an open connection



#### IOBluetoothL2CAPChannel

- Data conduit to a remote device
- Represents an open channel
- APIs to open, read, write and close a channel
- C version: IOBluetoothL2CAPChannelRef



#### IOBluetoothRFCOMMChannel

- API to open, close, read and write a channel
- Event notifications
- Serial emulation layers
  - Supports speed settings for talking to true serial devices
- C version: IOBluetoothRFCOMMChannelRef



#### Service Discovery Protocol

- Creating services for vending
- Getting services from remote device
- SDP-specific classes
  - IOBluetoothSDPServiceRecord
  - IOBluetoothSDPServiceAttribute
  - IOBluetoothSDPDataElement
  - IOBluetoothSDPUUID
  - C versions available



# OBEX—Object Exchange

- Client/Server session objects via RFCOMM channel
- Current API requires knowledge of OBEX specifications—convenience API coming
- Simple file transfer services are coming
- OBEX Header construction and parsing utilities
- vObject creation utilities
  - vCard for now, others coming soon



## Searching for Devices.

- Three UI elements
  - Pairing Panel
  - Service Search Panel
  - Device Search Panel
- Common aspects of Bluetooth Panels
  - Ability to specify filters based on device types and service types



# Pairing Panel



- Common UI element available to any Bluetooth-aware application
- Searches for devices, and filters according to device type
- Allows a user to create a paired device relationship to any other device



#### Service Search Panel



- Ability to filter on device type and service type
- Allows the user to select a particular service on a device
- Handles all issues of searching and Service Discovery for the developer



#### Device Search Panel



- Allows the user to select a device, or multiple devices to use
- Filters on device type, and will optionally validate service availability
- Handles searching and service discovery for the application



## C Code Example

&rfcommChannelID);

```
IOBluetoothDeviceRef
                                   remoteDevice;
IOBIuetoothSDPServiceRecordRef
                                   serviceRecord:
BluetoothRFCOMMChannellD
                                   rfcommChannelID;
IOBluetoothRFCOMMChannelRef
                                   rfcommChannel;
// Bring up the Service Browser UI for the user to select a service...
IOBluetoothServiceBrowserControllerBrowseDevices(&serviceRecord,
     kIOBluetoothServiceBrowserControllerOptionsNone);
// Ask the service record for the device
remoteDevice = IOBluetoothSDPServiceRecordGetDevice(serviceRecord);
// Ask the service record for the RFCOMM channel ID
result = IOBluetoothSDPServiceRecordGetRFCOMMChannelID(serviceRecord,
```



# C Code Example (Cont.)

```
// Open the baseband connection to the device...
IOBluetoothDeviceOpenConnection(remoteDevice);
// Open the RFCOMM channel
IOBluetoothDeviceOpenRFCOMMChannel(remoteDevice,rfcommChannelID,
     &rfcommChannel);
// Register for incoming RFCOMM events (including incoming data).
IOBluetoothRFCOMMChannelRegisterIncomingEventListener(rfcommChannel,
     rfcommEventListener, myRefCon);
// write some data to the RFCOMM channel...
IOBluetoothRFCOMMChannelWrite(rfcommChannel, buffer, length, TRUE);
// Declaration of the RFCOMM event listener...
void rfcommEventListener (IOBluetoothRFCOMMChannelRef rfcommChannel,
     void *refCon, IOBluetoothRFCOMMChannelEvent *event);
```

#### Obj-C Code Example

IOBluetoothDevice
IOBluetoothSDPServiceRecord
BluetoothL2CAPPSM
IOBluetoothL2CAPChannel

```
*remoteDevice;
*serviceRecord;
!2capPSM;
*l2capChannel;
```

// Bring up the Service Browser UI for the user to select a service...
[IOBluetoothServiceBrowserController browseDevices:&serviceRecord options:kIOBluetoothServiceBrowserControllerOptionsNone];

```
// Ask the service record for the device
remoteDevice = [serviceRecord getDevice];
// Ask the service record for the L2CAP PSM
[serviceRecord getL2CAPPSM:&I2capPSM];
```



# Obj-C Code Example (Cont.)



# Sample Apps in SDK

- OBEXQuickPush
- OBEXSample
- OBEXSampleSendVCard
- RFCOMMClientSample
- RFCOMMServerSample



#### Tools Available in SDK

- Packet Decoder2
  - Logs all HCI commands and events
  - Logs all ACL data packets
    - Decodes ACL packets as L2CAP, RFCOMM or SDP
    - Possibility for other decoding options later
- Bluetooth Monitor
  - Lists all open connections and channels
  - Ability to force close a channel or connection



# Roadmap

#### **806 Wireless Directions:**

Future directions for Apple's wireless products

Room A1 Wed., 9:00am



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#### For More Information

- Apple's Bluetooth SDK http://developer.apple.com/sdk
- Bluetooth Specification Version 1.1
   http://www.bluetooth.org
- GSM 07.10 Specification for RFCOMM v6.3.0 http://www.etsi.org
- OBEX Specification http://www.irda.org/standards/specifications.asp
- "Bluetooth Connect Without Cables,"
  - Bray, Sturman, Mendolia ISBN: 0130661066





# Q&A



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